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SUBJ: UN SECURITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF ADMISSION OF

VIETNAM, JULY 20, 1977

REF: USUN 2301 (NOTAL)

1. SUMMARY. UN SECURITY COUNCIL CONCLUDED DEBATE ON ADMISSION

OF VIETNAM JULY 20 WITH ADOPTION BY CONSENSUS
OF RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THAT UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY
ADMIT VIETNAM. STATEMENTS BY CHINA AND VIETNAM WERE
RELATIVELY MODERATE BUT THOSE BY CUBA, IRAQ AND BURUNDI
RELATIVELY HARSH. REACTION TO US STATEMENT AND RESTRAINT
DURING DEBATE HAS BEEN FAVORABLE. END SUMMARY.

2. DURING MORNING JULY 20, SECURITY COUNCIL CONTINUED
CONSIDERATION OF MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT ON
APPLICATION OF VIETNAM FOR UN MEMBERSHIP. SPEAKING IN ORDER
WERE: JAMAICA, CUBA, CHAD, CYPRUS, IRAQ, MALI, BURUNDI
AND CHINA (SC PRESIDENT).

3. AS IN PREVIOUS DAY'S CONSIDERATION ON VIETNAM
MEMBERSHIP, CONTENTS OF SPEECHES WERE PREDICTABLE. CUBA
(ANZARDO), IN STRIDENT MANNER, SAID IT UNBELIEVABLE THAT UN
STILL DEBATING VIETNAM ADMISSION QUESTION. HE POINTED
TO US AS PREVIOUSLY USING UNWORTHY AND FALSE ARGUMENTS AS
PRETEXT FOR "IRRESPONSIBLE USE OF VETO". CUBA THEN CALLED
UPON UN FOR RECONSTRUCTION AID BECAUSE OF DEVASTATION
LEFT BY WAR. FIRST, HOWEVER, CUBA DEMANDED US PAY
REPARATIONS AND COMPENSATION TO VIETNAM.

4. IRAQ (KUBBA) CONDEMNED US USE OF VETO POWER FOR
"POLITICAL REASONS."

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5. BURUNDI (SIMBANAIYE) ALSO TOOK HARD LINE AGAINST US
IN ARGUING FOR TERMINATION OF THE "ABUSIVE" RIGHT TO VETO.
BURUNDI CALLED FOR UN TO PROVIDE TO VIETNAM SUBSTANTIAL
AID FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND THAT THOSE DIRECTLY OR
INDIRECTLY INVOLVED IN VIETNAM SHOULD BEAR MOST RESPONSIBILITY.
HE ALSO STATED VIETNAM EXAMPLE HAD SHOWN KOREA MUST NOW
BE EVACUATEE BY ALL FOREIGN FORCES.

6. CHINA, SPEAKING LAST BEFORE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION,
RECALLED ITS PREVIOUS OBJECTIONS TO THE USE OF ANY "PRETEXT"
FOR OBSTRUCTING ENTRY OF ANY COUNTRY INTO THE UN AND
POINTED TO "AN UNREASONABLE OBSTRUCTION RAISED BY A
PERMANENT MEMBER OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL." FURTHER, IT
WAS ONLY BECAUSE OF AN "UNREASONABLE PRETEXT" THAT VIETNAM
WAS NOT ADMITTED IN 1975. CHINA RECALLED GA RESOLUTION IN
1976 CALLING FOR THE SC TO RECONSIDER VIETNAM'S ADMISSION
TO UN AFTER US HAD CAST A SIMILAR VETO. CHINA, IN ITS ONLY
HARSH DIRECT REFERENCE TO US SAID, "FOLLOWING THE THOROUGH
DEFEAT OF US IMPERIALIST AGGRESSION," VIETNAM HAD
REUNIFIED ITS COUNTRY ACCORDING TO THE "WILL OF HO CHI
MINH." PRESIDENT THEN MOVED TO ADOPT THE DRAFT RESOLUTION
BY CONSENSUS AND THERE BEING NO OBJECTION THE RESOLUTION

WAS ADOPTED AT 12:24 P.M.

7. AS AGREED BY THE COUNCIL JULY 19, PRESIDENT THEN INVITED VIETNAM TO MAKE STATEMENT ON ITS BEHALF. VIETNAM (AMB DINH BA THI) THEN MADE BRIEF STATEMENT. HE BEGAN BY TOUCHING UPON VIETNAM'S 30-YEAR STRUGGLE AND NEXT HIT UPON "IMPROPER USE" OF US VETO UNDER "UNWARRANTED PRETEXTS." DINH BA THI CONTINUED, THAT IT WAS A "MATTER OF PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE" THAT VIETNAM WOULD HAVE BEEN ADMITTED TO UN IN 1975 WITHOUT US VETO. DINH BA THI SAID AFTER FIRST NOTING

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TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS, ON BEHALF OF OUR
GOVERNMENT, OUR MOST SINCERE GRATITUDE TO YOU, MR. PRESIDENT,
TO ALL FORMER AND PRESENT MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL
AND TO ALL THE REPRESENTATIVES OF STATES MEMBERS OF THE
UNITED NATIONS WHICH HAVE, SINCE 1975, SUPPORTED OUR LEGITIMATE
RIGHT TO BE ADMITTED AS A MEMBER OF THE UNITED NATIONS."
END QUOTE. HE ALSO THANKED THOSE WHO HAD URGED IN THEIR
STATEMENTS THAT THE US GIVE RECONSTRUCTION AID TO VIETNAM.
DINH BA THI CLOSED HIS STATEMENT BY SAYING WORLD OPINION
WOULD CONTINUE TO BE ON THE SIDE OF VIETNAM IN THE
DEMAND THAT THE US LIVE UP TO ARTICLE 21 OF THE PARIS
AGREEMENTS AND THAT THE US CANNOT SHIRK ITS RESPONSIBILITY
TO VIETNAM.

8. COMMENT: AFTER DINH BA THI'S STATEMENT, GALLERY
GAVE ENTHUSIASTIC APPLAUSE WHILE DELEGATES WERE MORE
RESTRAINED. (DISREGARD PRESS NOTICES THAT VIETNAM WAS
APPLAUDED AS IT TOOK CHAIR TO SPEAK.) AFTER MEETING
ADJOURNED, AMBASSADOR MCHENRY AND MISOFFS CONGRATULATED
DINH BA THI ON ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION. REACTION TO US
STATEMENT AND ROLE IN UNSC DEBATE HAS BEEN MOST FAVORABLE.
INDIA'S PERMREP JAIPAL SENT NOTE TO AMBASSADOR MCHENRY
AFTER LATTER MADE US STATEMENT JULY 19: "YOUR
STATEMENT IS A MASTERPIECE; IT IS A POSITIVE UNDER-
STATEMENT WRAPPED IN CLEAR INDICATIONS AND SHROUDED IN
LIFTING FOG." FOLLOWING CONCLUSION OF UNSC MEETING JULY 20,
AT SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM'S LUNCHEON FOR DEPARTING
AMBASSADOR OF PHILIPPINES, A NUMBER OF PERMREP S
APPLAUDED US STATEMENT AND OVERALL RESTRAINT DURING DEBATE
TO ACTING PERMREP LEONARD.
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